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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 28, 2008, at 11 a.m.

Senate

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2008

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who has watched over us from generation to generation, in prosperity and adversity, in peace and in war, we commit this great land into Your sovereign hands. Unite the Members of this body in heart, mind, and soul, that they may exert their best efforts for America's common good. Keep them so dedicated to You that they will do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You all their days. Lord, give them the assurance of Your grace, comfort, and strength. Fill them with Your spirit so that their decisions will be controlled by You. Lord, bring peace to our world. Disarm weapons, silence guns, and put out ancient hate that smolders still.

We pray in the Name of Him whose rule is above all nations. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JACK REED led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 26, 2008.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. REED thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the time until 11 will be equally divided and controlled by the two leaders or their designees. At 11 a.m., the Senate will proceed to two stacked rollcall votes. The first vote will be on the motion to concur with respect to H.R. 3221, the housing reform legislation. The second vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the

motion to proceed to S. 3186, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP. The last 20 minutes prior to the 11 o'clock vote, it is my understanding, and I direct this to the Chair, has been reserved for Senator MCCONNELL and me. I have the last 10 minutes; is that right?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is correct.

AMERICAN HOUSING RESCUE AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION ACT OF 2008

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to concur with respect to H.R. 3221, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A message from the House of Representatives to accompany H.R. 3221, an act to provide needed housing reform, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with amendment No. 5103, to establish the effective date.

Reid amendment No. 5104 (to amendment No. 5103), to change the enactment date.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the

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